

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 224 – HB 334

March 7, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Changes the term “physician” to “direct primary care physician”, and changes the enforcing disciplinary entity for breaching a direct primary care agreement from the “Board of Medical Examiners” to the “appropriate licensing board”, as each relate to the *Health Care Empowerment Act*. Authorizes chiropractor physicians to enter into a direct primary care agreement with an individual patient or the patient’s legal representative.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004755): Adds language to the original bill that clarifies that primary care services includes the screening, assessment, diagnosis, and treatment for the purpose of promotion of health or the detection and management of disease or injury within the scope of practice of a chiropractic physician when applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Health (DOH), allowing chiropractor physicians to enter into direct primary care agreements could impact the DOH in disciplinary matters.
- Any disciplinary actions taken by an appropriate licensing board will take place during regularly-scheduled board meetings and can be accomplished within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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